

Amend page 10, line 26 of the specification as follows:

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Figs. 8A-8C and 9A-9C illustrates a Dutch auction user-interface;

Fig. 8B illustrates a Dutch auction user-interface;

Fig. 8C illustrates a Dutch auction user-interface;

Fig. 9A illustrates a Dutch auction user-interface;

Fig. 9B illustrates a Dutch auction user-interface;

Fig. 9C illustrates a Dutch auction user-interface; and

Amend page 11, lines 2-8 of the specification as follows:

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Reference will now be made in detail to the preferred embodiments of the present invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. The present invention described below extends the functionality of the inventive electronic auction system and method described in greater detail in ~~co-pending US Pat.~~ Application No. 09/252,790, entitled "Method and System for Conducting Electronic Auctions," filed February 19, 1999, now US Pat. No. 6,230,146, the disclosure of which is hereby expressly incorporated in the present application.

Amend page 26, lines 18-28 of the specification as follows:

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Bidding for partial quantities in online auctions is described in greater detail in co-pending Application No. 09/490,877, entitled "Method and System for Partial Quantity Evaluated Bidding in Online Auctions," filed concurrently herewith, the disclosure of which is hereby expressly incorporated into the present application. A partial quantity Dutch style auction would have the effect of combining the best features of each. The Dutch style auction dynamic induces bids at or very near the best available price from among a group of bidders. The partial quantity feature induces aggressive bids that may be available from smaller suppliers to help reduce the auction originator's weighted-average cost of acquisition. Additional benefits of the partial quantity auction technique are described in the co-pending application referenced above.